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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE GEN. CUSHMAN'S 29 JULY REMARKS AT SEOUL  
CORRESPONDENTS CLUB

1. ON FRIDAY, JULY 30TH AND WEEKEND, KOREAN NEWSPAPERS  
GAVE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO REMARKS OF COMMANDING GENERAL,  
I CORPS (ROK/US) GROUP, LT. GENERAL JOHN H. CUSHMAN WHICH  
DELIVERED TO JULY 29 GATHERING OF CORRESPONDENTS AT SEOUL  
CORRESPONDENTS CLUB. CUSHMAN SPEECH REAFFIRMED IN QUIET, FIRM  
TONES BOTH FORWARD DEFENSE CONCEPT AND US/ROK PREPAREDNESS.

2. IMPORTANT CHUNGANG-ILBO EDITORIAL STATED CUSHMAN "HAS  
REAFFIRMED US DETERMINATION TO DEFEND KOREA...HIS SEOUL DEFENSE  
STRATEGY IS REASSURING." INDEPENDENT TONGA ILBO IN FRONT PAGE  
STORY SAID "IT IS BASICALLY THE SAME AS SCHLESINGER'S IDEA OF  
KOREAN DEFENSE, AND IT MAKES KOREANS FEEL SECURE ABOUT NATIONAL  
SECURITY OF ROK". CONSERVATIVE CHOSUN ILBO REMARKED "WE ARE  
TOTALLY RELIEVED OF WORRY ABOUT POSSIBLE INFERIORITY IN FIREPOWER  
AND AIR CAPABILITY TO NORTH KOREA IN SPITE OF THE RIGHT MORAL OF  
KOREAN SOLDIERS IN CONNECTION WITH ANY ATTEMPT BY NORTH KOREA  
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TO LAUNCH AN ATTACK AGAINST THE ROK, DUE TO GEN CUSHMAN'S

FIRM ASSURANCE THAT HE HAD ALL NECESSARY POWER TO DECISIVELY CRUSH THE ENEMY ATTACK. HOWEVER, REINFORCEMENT OF ROK DEFENSE POSTURE AND THE CONTINUED GI PRESENCE ARE VITAL TO SAFEGUARDING PEACE AND MAINTAINING STABILITY IN KOREA... INDEPENDENT SINA ILBO SAID "GEN CUSHMAN'S FORWARD DEFENSE CONCEPT IS WORTHY OF NOTE IN MANY RESPECTS.... IT WILL CONTRIBUTE CERTAINLY TO REDUCING UNEASY FEELING AMONG KOREANS IN VIEW OF INSTABILITY AND TENSION HOVERING OVER KOREA DUE TO THE THREAT OF AGGRESSION FROM THE NORTH.

3. SATURDAY 31 JULY SINA ILBO FRONT-PAGED NAE-OH NEWS SERVICE STORY THAT NORTH KOREAN 29 JULY EDITION NONDONG SINMUN EDITORIALY ATTACKED CUSHMAN REMARKS ON US STRATEGY TO DEFEND SEOUL.

4. OUR U.S. MILITARY COLLEAGUES REPORT THAT ROK MILITARY REACTION TO SPEECH HIGHLY FAVORABLE AND MILITARY CONTACTS OF EMBASSY HAVE EXPRESSED SAME REACTION.

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